

(2) *Exceptions.* For good cause shown by an agency, the Administrator may grant case-by-case exceptions to the requirements in this section, provided that a determination is made that the agency fees would be reasonable and nondiscriminatory.

(c) *Reasonable fees.* In determining if an agency's fees are reasonable, the Service will consider whether the fees: (1) Cover the estimated total cost to the agency of (i) official inspection services, (ii) Class X or Class Y weighing services, (iii) inspection equipment testing services, and (iv) related supervision and monitoring activities performed by the agency; (2) Are reasonably consistent with fees assessed by adjacent agencies for similar services; (3) Are assessed on the basis of the average cost of performing the same or similar services at all locations served by the agency; and (4) Are supported by sufficient information which shows how the fees were developed.

(d) *Nondiscriminatory fees.* In determining if fees are nondiscriminatory, the Service will consider whether the fees are collected from all applicants for official service in accordance with the approved fee schedule. Charges for time and travel incurred in providing service at a location away from a specified service point shall be assessed in accordance with the approved fee schedule.

(e) *Schedule of fees to be established.* (1) Each agency shall establish a schedule of fees for official services which the agency is delegated or designated the authority to perform. The schedule shall be in a standard format in accordance with the instructions. Such schedules may include fees for nonofficial services provided by the agency, but they shall be clearly identified and will not be subject to approval by the Service.

(2) The schedule shall be published and made available by the agency to all users of its services.

(f) *Request for approval of fees.* (1) *Time requirement.* A request for approval of a new or revised fee shall be submitted to the Service not less than 60 days in advance of the proposed effective date for the fee. Failure to submit a request within the prescribed time period may

be considered grounds for postponement or denial of the request.

(2) *Contents of request.* Each request shall show (i) the present fee, if any, and the proposed fee, together with data showing in detail how the fee was developed, and (ii) the proposed effective date.

(g) *Review of request.* (1) *Approval action.* If upon review the Service finds that the request and supporting data justify the new or revised fee, the request will be marked "approved" and returned to the agency.

(2) *Denial action.* If the Service finds that the request and supporting data do not justify the new or revised fee, approval of the request will be withheld pending receipt of any additional supporting data which the agency has to offer. If the data are not submitted within a reasonable period, the request shall be denied. In the case of a denial of a request, the agency shall be notified of the reason for denial.

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#### § 800.71 Fees assessed by the Service.

(a) *Official inspection and weighing services.* The fees shown in schedules A and B apply to official inspection and weighing services performed by FGIS in the United States and Canada. The fees shown in schedule C apply to official inspection and weighing services performed by delegated States and designated agencies in the United States, except for those State agencies that have been delegated additional responsibilities by FGIS. These States shall be assessed fees as set forth in the State's Delegation of Authority document. Failure of a delegated State or designated agency to pay prescribed fees within 30 days after being due, shall result in automatic termination of the delegation or designation. The delegation or designation shall be reinstated if fees currently due, plus interest and any further expenses incurred by the Service because of the termination are paid within 60 days of the termination.

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**SCHEDULE A—FEES FOR OFFICIAL INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES PERFORMED  
IN THE UNITED STATES**
**TABLE 1—FEES FOR OFFICIAL SERVICES PERFORMED AT AN APPLICANT'S FACILITY IN AN ONSITE  
FGIS LABORATORY <sup>1</sup>**

[(1) Inspection and Weighing Services Hourly Rates (per service representative)]

	Monday to Fri- day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	Monday to Fri- day (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.)	Saturday, Sun- day, and over- time <sup>2</sup>	Holidays
1-year contract .....	\$29.80	\$32.60	\$42.00	\$50.60
6-month contract .....	33.00	34.80	44.60	58.40
3-month contract .....	37.00	38.80	48.60	60.40
Noncontract .....	43.60	45.80	55.60	68.00

(2) Additional Tests (cost per test, assessed in addition to the hourly rate) <sup>3</sup>	
(i) Aflatoxin (other than Thin Layer Chromatography) .....	\$8.50
(ii) Aflatoxin (Thin Layer Chromatography method) .....	20.00
(iii) Corn oil, protein, and starch (one or any combination) .....	1.50
(iv) Soybean protein and oil (one or both) .....	1.50
(v) Wheat protein (per test) .....	1.50
(vi) Sunflower oil (per test) .....	1.50
(vii) Vomitoxin (qualitative) .....	12.50
(viii) Vomitoxin (quantitative) .....	18.50
(ix) Waxy corn (per test) .....	1.50
(x) Fees for other tests not listed above will be based on the lowest noncontract hourly rate	
(xi) Other services:	
(a) Class Y Weighing (per carrier):	
(1) Truck/container .....	.30
(2) Railcar .....	1.25
(3) Barge .....	2.50
(3) Administrative Fee (assessed in addition to all other applicable fees, only one administrative fee will be assessed when inspection and weighing services are performed on the same carrier)	
(i) All outbound carriers (per-metric-ton) <sup>4</sup> :	
(a) 1–1,000,000 .....	\$0.1199
(b) 1,000,001–1,500,000 .....	0.1094
(c) 1,500,001–2,000,000 .....	0.0591
(d) 2,000,001–5,000,000 .....	0.0437
(e) 5,000,001–7,000,000 .....	0.0239
(f) 7,000,001+ .....	0.0109

<sup>1</sup> Fees apply to original inspection and weighing, reinspection, and appeal inspection service and include, but are not limited to, sampling, grading, weighing, prior to loading stowage examinations, and certifying results performed within 25 miles of an employee's assigned duty station. Travel and related expenses will be charged for service outside 25 miles as found in § 800.72(a).

<sup>2</sup> Overtime rates will be assessed for all hours in excess of 8 consecutive hours that result from an applicant scheduling or requesting service beyond 8 hours, or if requests for additional shifts exceed existing staffing.

<sup>3</sup> Appeal and reinspection services will be assessed the same fee as the original inspection service.

<sup>4</sup> The administrative fee is assessed on an accumulated basis beginning at the start of the Service's fiscal year (October 1 each year).

**TABLE 2—SERVICES PERFORMED AT OTHER THAN AN APPLICANT'S FACILITY IN AN FGIS  
LABORATORY <sup>1 2</sup>**

(1) Original Inspection and Weighing (Class X) Services:	
(i) Sampling only (use hourly rates from Table 1)	
(ii) Stationary lots (sampling, grade/factor, & checkloading):	
(a) Truck/trailer/container (per carrier) .....	\$19.80
(b) Railcar (per carrier) .....	29.50
(c) Barge (per carrier) .....	187.50
(d) Sacked grain (per hour per service representative plus an administra- tive fee per hundredweight) (CWT) .....	0.02

TABLE 2—SERVICES PERFORMED AT OTHER THAN AN APPLICANT'S FACILITY IN AN FGIS  
LABORATORY <sup>1 2</sup>—Continued

(iii) Lots sampled online during loading (sampling charge under (i) above, plus):	
(a) Truck/trailer container (per carrier) .....	9.95
(b) Railcar (per carrier) .....	19.25
(c) Barge (per carrier) .....	110.00
(d) Sacked grain (per hour per service representative plus an administrative fee per hundredweight) (CWT) .....	0.02
(iv) Other services:	
(a) Submitted sample (per sample—grade and factor) .....	11.80
(b) Warehouseman inspection (per sample) .....	20.00
(c) Factor only (per factor—maximum 2 factors) .....	5.30
(d) Checkloading/condition examination (use hourly rates from Table 1, plus an administrative fee per hundredweight if not previously assessed) (CWT) .....	0.02
(e) Reinspection (grade and factor only. Sampling service additional, item (i) above) .....	13.00
(f) Class X Weighing (per hour per service representative) .....	57.40
(v) Additional tests (excludes sampling):	
(a) Aflatoxin (per test—other than TLC method) .....	29.80
(b) Aflatoxin (per test—TLC method) .....	113.00
(c) Corn oil, protein, and starch (one or any combination) .....	9.00
(d) Soybean protein and oil (one or both) .....	9.00
(e) Wheat protein (per test) .....	9.00
(f) Sunflower oil (per test) .....	9.00
(g) Vomitoxin (qualitative) .....	31.00
(h) Vomitoxin (quantitative) .....	38.50
(i) Waxy corn (per test) .....	10.30
(j) Canola (per test—00 dip test) .....	10.30
(k) Pesticide Residue Testing: <sup>3</sup>	
(1) Routine Compounds (per sample) .....	216.00
(2) Special Compounds (per service representative) .....	114.00
(l) Fees for other tests not listed above will be based on the lowest non-contract hourly rate from Table 1 .....	
(2) Appeal inspection and review of weighing service <sup>4</sup>	
(i) Board Appeals and Appeals (grade and factor)	82.00
(a) Factor only (per factor—max 2 factors) .....	43.00
(b) Sampling service for Appeals additional (hourly rates from Table 1)	
(ii) Additional tests (assessed in addition to all other applicable fees)	
(a) Aflatoxin (per test, other than TLC) .....	30.00
(b) Aflatoxin (TLC) .....	120.00
(c) Corn oil, protein, and starch (one or any combination) .....	17.20
(d) Soybean protein and oil (one or both) .....	17.20
(e) Wheat protein (per test) .....	17.20
(f) Sunflower oil (per test) .....	17.20
(g) Vomitoxin (per test—qualitative) .....	41.00
(h) Vomitoxin (per test—quantitative) .....	46.00
(i) Vomitoxin (per test—HPLC Board Appeal) .....	140.00
(j) Pesticide Residue Testing <sup>3</sup>	
(1) Routine Compounds (per sample) .....	216.00
(2) Special Compounds (per service representative) .....	114.00
(k) Fees for other tests not listed above will be based on the lowest non-contract hourly rate from Table 1.	
(iii) Review of weighing (per hour per service representative) .....	82.60
(3) Stowage examination (service-on-request) <sup>3</sup>	
(i) Ship (per stowage space) (Minimum \$255.00 per ship) .....	51.00
(ii) Subsequent ship examinations (same as original)(Minimum \$153.00 per ship)	
(iii) Barge (per examination) .....	41.00

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**TABLE 2—SERVICES PERFORMED AT OTHER THAN AN APPLICANT'S FACILITY IN AN FGIS  
LABORATORY <sup>1 2</sup>—Continued**

(iv) All other carriers (per examination) .....	16.00
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<sup>1</sup> Fees apply to original inspection and weighing, reinspection, and appeal inspection service and include, but are not limited to, sampling, grading, weighing, prior to loading stowage examinations, and certifying results performed within 25 miles of an employee's assigned duty station. Travel and related expenses will be charged for service outside 25 miles as found in § 800.72(a).

<sup>2</sup> An additional charge will be assessed when the revenue from the services in Schedule A, Table 2, does not cover what would have been collected at the applicable hourly rate as provided in § 800.72(b).

<sup>3</sup> If performed outside of normal business, 1½ times the applicable unit fee will be charged.

<sup>4</sup> If, at the request of the Service, a file sample is located and forwarded by the Agency for an official agency, the Agency may, upon request, be reimbursed at the rate of \$2.65 per sample by the Service.

**TABLE 3—MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES <sup>1</sup>**

(1) Grain grading seminars (per hour per service representative) <sup>2</sup> .....	\$57.40
(2) Certification of diverter-type mechanical samplers (per hour per service representative) <sup>2</sup> .....	57.40
(3) Special weighing services (per hour per service representative) <sup>2</sup>	
(i) Scale testing and certification .....	57.40
(ii) Evaluation of weighing and material handling systems .....	57.40
(iii) NTEP Prototype evaluation (other than Railroad Track Scales) .....	57.40
(iv) NTEP Prototype evaluation of Railroad Track Scales (plus usage fee per day for test car) .....	57.40
(v) Mass standards calibration and reverification .....	110.00
(vi) Special projects .....	57.40
(4) Foreign travel (per day per service representative) .....	57.40
(5) Online customized data EGIS service:.	510.00
(i) One data file per week for 1 year .....	500.00
(ii) One data file per month for 1 year .....	300.00
(6) Samples provided to interested parties (per sample) .....	2.65
(7) Divided-lot certificates (per certificate) .....	1.50
(8) Extra copies of certificates (per certificate) .....	1.50
(9) Faxing (per page) .....	1.50
(10) Special mailing (actual cost).	
(11) Preparing certificates onsite or during other than normal business hours (use hourly rates from Table 1).	

<sup>1</sup> Any requested service that is not listed will be performed at \$57.40 per hour.

<sup>2</sup> Regular business hours—Monday through Friday—service provided at other than regular hours charged at the applicable overtime hourly rate.

**SCHEDULE B—FEES FOR OFFICIAL INSPECTION, WEIGHING, AND APPEAL INSPECTION SERVICES PERFORMED IN CANADA <sup>1</sup>**

Inspection and weighing service (bulk or sacked grain)	Regular workday (Monday thru Saturday)	Nonregular workday (Sunday and holiday)
(1) Original inspection services and official weighing services: <sup>2, 3</sup>		
(i) Contract services (per hour per service representative) .....	\$103.00	\$130.00
(ii) Noncontract service (per hour per service representative) .....	137.00	172.00

Inspection and weighing service (bulk or sacked grain)	Regular workday (Monday thru Saturday)	Nonregular workday (Sunday and holiday)
(2) Extra copies of certificates (per copy) .....	3.00	3.00

<sup>1</sup> Official inspection and weighing services include, but are not limited to grading, weighing, sampling, stowage examination, equipment testing, scale testing and certification, test weight reverification, evaluation of inspection and weighing equipment demonstrating official inspection and weighing functions, furnishing standard illustrations, and certifying inspection and weighing results.

<sup>2</sup> Fees for reinspection and appeal inspection services shall be assessed at the applicable contract or noncontract hourly rate as the original inspection. However, if additional personnel are required to perform the reinspection or appeal inspection service, the applicant will be assessed the noncontract original inspection hourly fee.

<sup>3</sup> Board appeal inspections are based on file samples. See § 800.71, schedule A for Board Appeal fees.

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**SCHEDULE C—FEES FOR FGIS SUPERVISION OF OFFICIAL INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES PERFORMED BY DELEGATED STATES AND/OR DESIGNATED AGENCIES IN THE UNITED STATES<sup>1</sup>**

**TABLE 1**

Inspection services (bulk or sacked grain)	Official inspection or reinspection services
(1) Official sample-lot inspection service (white certificate):	
(i) For official grade and official factor determinations:	
(A) Truck or trailer (per inspection) <sup>2</sup> .....	\$0.30
(B) Boxcar or hopper car (per inspection) <sup>2</sup> .....	0.95
(C) Barge (per inspection) <sup>2</sup> .....	6.15
(D) Ship (per ship) <sup>3</sup> .....	49.20
(E) All other lots (per inspection) <sup>2 4</sup> .....	0.30
(ii) For official factor or official criteria determinations:	
(A) Factor determination (per inspection) (maximum 2 factors) <sup>5</sup> .....	0.20
(B) Official criteria <sup>2 6</sup> .....	0.20
(2) Stowage examination services:	
(i) Ship (per stowage certificate) .....	3.00
(ii) Other carriers (per stowage certificate) .....	0.20
(3) Warehouseman's sample-lot inspection service (yellow certificate) or submitted sample inspection service (pink certificate):	
(i) For official grade and official factor determinations (per inspection) .....	0.30
(ii) For official factor or official criteria determinations:	
(A) Factor determination (per inspection) (maximum 2 factors) <sup>5</sup> .....	0.20
(B) Official criteria <sup>2 6</sup> .....	0.20
(4) Reinspection services:	
(i) Truck, boxcar, hopper car, barge, ship, warehouseman's sample-lot, submitted sample, factor determination, and all other lots (per sample inspected) .....	0.30
(ii) Official criteria <sup>2 6</sup> .....	0.20

NOTE: The footnotes for table 1 are shown at the end of table 2.

**TABLE 2**

Official services (bulk or sacked grain)	Official weighing services	
	(class X)	(class Y)
Official weighing services:		
(i) Truck or trailer (per carrier)	\$0.30	\$0.20
(ii) Boxcar or hopper car (per carrier) .....	.95	.25
(iii) Barge (per carrier) .....	6.15	1.55
(iv) Ship (per carrier) <sup>3 7</sup> .....	49.20	12.30
(v) All other lots (per lot or part lot) <sup>4</sup> .....	.30	.20

<sup>1</sup>The fees include the cost of supervision functions performed by the Service for official inspection and weighing services performed by delegated States and/or designated agencies.

<sup>2</sup>A fee shall be assessed for each carrier or sample inspected if a combined lot certificate is issued or a uniform loading plan is used to determine grade.

<sup>3</sup>A fee shall be assessed per ship regardless of the number of lots or sublots loaded at a specific service point. A fee shall not be assessed for divided-lot certificates.

<sup>4</sup>Inspection services for all other lots include, but are not limited to, sampling service, condition examinations, and examination of grain in bins and containers. For weighing services, all other lots include, but are not limited to, seavans and inhouse bin transfers.

<sup>5</sup>Fees shall be assessed for a maximum of two factors. If more than two factors are determined, fees are assessed at rates in table 1 (1)(i) or (3)(i) above, as applicable, based on carrier or type sample represented.

<sup>6</sup>Official criteria includes, but is not limited to, protein and oil analyses. A fee shall be assessed for each sample tested.

<sup>7</sup>A Class Y ship fee shall be assessed for shipments destined for domestic markets only.

(b) *Registration certificates and renewals.* (1) Fees for registration certificates and renewals will be based on the nature of the business:

(i) Firms engaged in the business of buying grain for sale in foreign commerce or the business of handling, weighing, or transporting of grain for sale in foreign commerce .....\$135.00

(ii) Firms engaged in the business of buying grain for sale in foreign commerce or the business of handling, weighing, or transporting of grain for sale in foreign commerce who also are in a control relationship, as defined in Section 17A(b)(2) of the Act, with respect to a business engaged in the business of buying, handling, weighing, or transporting grain for sale in interstate commerce .....270.00

(2) Requests for extra copies of registration certificates shall be accompanied by a fee of \$2.50 for each copy.

(c) *Designation amendments.* An application for an amendment to a designation shall be accompanied by a fee of \$75.00.

(d) Each application for approval to operate as a scale testing organization shall be accompanied by a fee of \$250.

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